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SUBJ: EMERGENCY GRAIN NEEDS MAURITANIA - CY 74

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTTH1078 (NOTAL), B. 0956, C. ROME 11837

SUMMARY: PARA 1 AND 2 FOLLOWING CAPSULIZE NOUAKCHOTT WFP
REP CABLE TO HIS ROME HEADQUARTERS REQUESTING WFP REVIEW RE-
COMMENDATIONS SEMI-FINAL MULTI-DONOR MISSION REPORT ON MAURITANIA
(REFTEL C). CALLS FOR INCREASE ESTIMATED CY 74 EMERGENCY GRAIN
REQUIREMENTS FROM 57,900 MT TO 100,000 MT. FYI. PRELIMINARY MISSION
REPORTED ESTIMATED SHORTFALL AT 100,000 MT (SEE REFTEL B, PARA
2) END FYI.

1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS MAURITANIA CY-74 REMAIN 100,000 MT GRAIN.
FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TONS NOW IN PIPELINE WILL SUFFICE ONLY
THROUGH JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1974. ASSUME WFP ROME DEDUCTED PIPE-
LINE SUPPLIES FROM ORIGINAL 100,000 MT ESTIMATE TO COME UP WITH
57,900 MT ESTIMATED NEEDS. IF SO, THIS ERRONEOUS CALCUALTION NOT
BASED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR ELEVEN-MONTH PERIOD
JANUARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 1973 GIRM WILL HAVE DISTRIBUTED 82,000
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MT GRAINS. NUTRITIONAL SURVEYS INDICATE THIS AMOUNT INSUFFICIENT.

2. MOREOVER, MINRURAL DEVELOPMENT NOW BELIEVES CROP SHORTFALL COULD EXCEED 70 PERCENT (REFTEL B). MIN HEALTH (GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR) THIS WEEK CONDUCTING PERSONAL SURVEY CEREAL-PRODUCING AREAS (FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH REGIONS) IN ORDER DETERMINE AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE PROSPECTS FOR 1973 HARVEST.

3. COMMENT. EMBOFF VISITS TO FIRST AND THIRD REGIONS DURING PAST TWO WEEKS REVEAL WIDE SPREAD DESTRUCTION OF CROPS DURING OCTOBER OWING TO HOT WINDS. EARLIER HOPES FOR CROPS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THIRD REGION, HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED.MURPHY

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